

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Michael Kubayanda, Chairman;
Ann C. Fisher, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Ashley E. Poling; and
Robert G. Taub

Competitive Product Prices
Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements with
Foreign Postal Operators
United States Postal Service Contractual Bilateral
Agreement – FY22-2 (MC2010-34)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2022-36

ORDER GRANTING MOTION

(Issued May 3, 2022)

On January 14, 2022, the Commission approved the Foreign Postal Operator (FPO)-USPS Agreement FY22-2 and included it within the Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 (MC2010-34) product.¹ Order No. 6092 required the Postal Service to file quarterly reports in this docket reporting data on revenues, pieces, and weights for parcels, packets, and Express Mail Service (EMS), with data for retail parcels reported separately from data for commercial parcels.

¹ Order Approving Additional Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operator – FY22-2, January 14, 2022 (Order No. 6092).

Order No. 6092 at 8. Each report was to be filed within 30 days of the completion of each fiscal quarter. The first such report is due May 2, 2022. *Id.*

On April 27, 2022, the Postal Service filed a motion requesting that the deadline for the first quarterly report be extended to 60 days after the end of Quarter 2 of FY 2022, and that the deadline for subsequent quarterly reports be extended to 45 days after the end of each subsequent quarter.² The Postal Service states that there are a number of factors that cause significant challenges to reporting accurate and reliable information from this agreement within 30 days after the close of each quarter. Motion at 3. The Postal Service notes that data produced within 30 days of the close of each quarter would necessarily rely on preliminary data that may change significantly during subsequent reviews and adjustments. *Id.* The Postal Service specifically identifies the need to reconcile revenue, pieces, and weight discrepancies with FPOs who do not always send the necessary data about inbound parcel volumes, requiring a thorough review of all available data. *Id.* at 3-4.

The Postal Service identifies the need to manually split retail and commercial parcels data in the first quarterly report as the reason that it is requesting a full 30-day extension of the deadline. *Id.* at 4. It expects to have an established process in place for splitting retail and commercial parcels data beginning Quarter 3, which is why it is requesting only a 15-day extension for subsequent reports. *Id.*

Given the Postal Service's enumerated reasons for its need for additional time to provide accurate information, the Commission determines that the requested relief is reasonable and does not prejudice any party. Therefore, the Motion is granted. The deadline for the first quarterly report will be 60 days after the end of Quarter 2 of FY 22, with subsequent quarterly reports to be filed 45 days after the close of each quarter.

² Motion of the United States Postal Service Concerning Extension of Time for Complying with Order No. 6092, April 27, 2022, at 1 (Motion).

It is ordered:

The Motion of the United States Postal Service Concerning Extension of Time for Complying with Order No. 6092, filed April 27, 2022, is granted.

By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker
Secretary